

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 34TH BOARD MEETING OF GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (GSBB)

TYPE OF MEETING: REGULAR MEETING (MONTHLY MEETING IN COMPLIANCE TO ORDER FROM HON'BLE. NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL (NGT), PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI)

DATE: 31ST DECEMBER 2019; **TIME:** 2:30 PM ONWARDS

VENUE: "CONFERENCE HALL", MINISTERIAL BLOCK, SECRETARIAT, PORVORIM, BARDEZ, GOA

MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY SHRI. NILESH CABRAL, HON'BLE. ENVIRONMENT MINISTER, GOVERNMENT OF GOA, CHAIRPERSON, GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD.

The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon'ble. Environment Minister, Government of Goa, Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board.	Chairperson
2.	Jabestin A., DCF (planning & Statistics) attended on behalf of The Secretary (Forest), Government of Goa.	Special invitee
3.	Siddhi Halarnekar, Additional Director of Panchayats - I, attended on behalf of The Secretary (Panchayat), Government of Goa.	Special invitee
4.	Shri. Johnson Bedy Fernandes, Director, Department of Environment, Porvorim- Goa.	Special invitee

5.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests was represented by Jabestin A., DCF (Planning & Statistics).	Ex Officio Member
6.	Director, Directorate of Panchayats, was represented by Siddhi Halarnekar, Additional Director of Panchayats – I.	Ex Officio Member
7.	Director, Directorate of Agriculture, was represented by Shri. Shivanand Wagle, Deputy Director, Directorate of Agriculture	Ex Officio Member
8.	Director, Directorate of Fisheries, was represented by Shri. Chandresh P. Haldankar, Superintendent of Fisheries	Ex Officio Member
9.	Director, Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services (AHVS) was represented by Shri. Rajendra Prabhugaoncar, Deputy Director (Epidemiology), AHVS.	Ex Officio Member
10.	Shri. Nirmal Kulkarni	Expert Member
11.	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam (Member Secretary)	Member Secretary

Water Resources Department, Dr. Chandrashekar Rivonkar, Shri. Parag Rangnekar, Shri Rajendra Kerkar (Expert members), Special Invitees - Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary - Environment, and Directorate of Municipal Administration were unable to remain present for the meeting.

At the onset, Shri. Nilesh Cabral, Hon'ble. Environment Minister, Government of Goa, Chairperson, Goa State Biodiversity Board & Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board extended a warm welcome to the members of the Board and to the special invitees.

Member Secretary, GSBB, informed about approval granted for the project proposal under the brand name GoVan, during the meeting held on 4th

December, 2019, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Goa State. The GoVan project is on "Biodiversity Conservation Through Livelihood Interventions" by engaging BMCs. The agreement for this project will be signed with the project proponent Sun Rajas India Pvt. Ltd, after the draft of the Memorandum of Understanding is approved by the Legal Advisory Group of GSBB.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of 33rd Board Meeting (Regular Meeting, monthly meeting in compliance to order from Hon'ble. National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi) of Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) held on 25th November, 2019.

The minutes of the 33rd Board Meeting were confirmed by the Board Members present at the meeting, Proposed by –Dr. Rajendra Prabhugaoncar, Dy. Director (Epidemiology) AHVS& Seconded by -Shri. Chandresh P. Haldankar, of Fisheries Dept.

Agenda 2: Action taken report of 33rd Board Meeting (Regular Meeting, monthly meeting in compliance to order from Hon'ble. National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi) of Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) held on 25th November, 2019.

The Action taken report was circulated for information and compliance was intimated to GSBB Board members. Only the significant points from action taken points in progress were discussed as follows:

Agenda 3 of 33rd Board Meeting: PBR

Member Secretary, GSBB informed that till date 50 Nos PBRs have been validated at BMC level, out of which 17 are validated at all three levels.

The action taken report was presented to the members present. The same was accepted.



Agenda 3: Status of compliance to Hon'ble. National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi, Order dated 09.08.2019, in Original Application No. 347/2016, Chandrabhal Singh v/s Union of India & others, GSBB respondent no. 6. **(to ensure compliance with 100% constitution of BMCs and PBRs by 31.01.2020, the Chief Secretaries may evolve a mechanism for ensuring a monthly meeting to be attended by the Chairman and Member Secretary of State Biodiversity Board, Secretaries, Panchayat, Environment & Forest starting from September, 2019)**

Chairperson, GSBB suggested making a timeline chart of PBR validation by BMCs, so that all the BMC level validation resolutions can be expedited.

Agenda 4: Status of the PBR preparation in Goa State: Discussed at Agenda no 3 - It was further decided to inform the difficulties faced for PBR documentation and that maintaining quality of PBR is not practically possible in short duration. Hence it is decided that whatever actually possible to be achieved and reported by BMCs shall be placed before NGT. For upkeep of quality of PBRs, it was decided to ensure better and detailed validation meetings at state level by GSBB.

Agenda 5: Request for association from Goa Livelihood Forum.

It was resolved unanimously to grant approval in principle to collaborate with Goa Livelihoods Forum to implement the project free of cost in one village each from North Goa & South Goa, tentative villages selected are Ozarim & Poinguinim from North Goa & South Goa respectively.

Agenda 6: Appointing Interns for GSBB :

Various suggestions were given by the members regarding induction of interns by GSBB. Director, Environment suggested applying the same yardsticks as the ones in place for apprenticeship program of the Government of Goa. Chairperson, GSBB suggested that the tasks to be performed by the interns should be clearly stated, and should include the task of assisting Technical

Support Groups of GSBB , Identifying the gaps in PBRs. Member Secretary informed that presently minimum five to maximum of ten interns maybe inducted. The same was approved unanimously.

Agenda 7: Pre IDB - 2020 competition (Yuva-Jagruti)

Member Secretary, GSBB informed about the upcoming pre IDB - 2020 event Yuva-Jagruti in collaboration with Abhiyaktee. He informed about this being the third year that GSBB is collaborating for this event. The members unanimously approved the same.

Agenda 8: Any other point with permission of Chairperson:

- a) Request received from Eco Folks- Mumbai Maharashtra for financial assistance for FOTOTHON and GREEN THEATRE FESTIVAL to be held at Panaji.

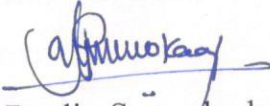
It was resolved that GSBB may provide assistance for conducting the competitions in Goa State during International Day for Biodiversity based on available funding support from NBA.

- b) National Green Tribunal O.A. No. 141/2017 (WZ), Kashinath Shetye & Ors. V/s The Chief Secretary & Ors.

It was decided to strictly follow the Mandate of the Board in dealing with such cases and that matters not falling within purview of existing legal framework guiding GSBB functioning, should be forwarded to respective agencies for further action.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Member Secretary, GSBB.




Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam
Member Secretary, GSBB